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INTRODUCTION.

I HAVE long contemplated the preparation of the following form of family devotion. A great multitude of books for this purpose have been issued from time to time, but in most of them the prayers are so long, and depart so widely from the Liturgical spirit of the Prayer-book, that they soon become wearisome. There are other compositions of a proper Liturgical character, but most of these are very elaborate, and their use requires that an expensive book shall be in the hands of each member of the family.

The present compilation is an attempt to provide for the Family Altar the animation and spirit of Liturgical worship, and at the same time present a form of devotion so simple, and so easily adapted to the varying exigencies of a family from day to day, that it may suffice for the briefest as well as for the longest time that may be desirable for such a Service.

For this purpose the Prayer-book is taken as the foundation, and its partial use prescribed, so that these additions need only be preserved as a thin pamphlet within the cover of the Prayer-book. The Versicles, which give so much life and community of feeling to all social worship, are the same as in the Morning and Evening Prayer of the Church, with the addition of several beautiful petitions from the English Prayer-book, which are, unfortunately, omitted from our own.

A few of the additional Collects are taken from Bishop Jeremy Taylor; but the greater number from the same primitive sources from which those now in the Prayer-book were derived. Every one will be struck with the similarity,

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the singular beauty of these compositions, which quent age of the Church has ever been able to . They are selected from Mr. Bright's collection of t Collects." The use every day of the varied of the Prayer-book according to the Calendar, one or more of these additional prayers, will, I rnish an unfailing variety.

be continually borne in mind that the audible and response is an essential feature of Liturgical Service. vity, the single aim, and the force of expression of ll the ancient Collects, wonderfully aided this great of the most effective social worship. The Amen in Christian Liturgies has largely taken the place of the brief doxologies which occurred at the end of every prayer in the ancient Service of the Temple and Synagogue. It should always be uttered with fervor and force. I have long thought that the frequent "Amen," or other brief response, with which our Methodist brethren in former times used to interrupt the continuous flow of the Minister's long prayer, was an instinctive protest of the devout soul against that unhappy innovation which had deprived the people of the beauty, the animation, and the fervid sympathy of a common worship, by abandoning the glorious Liturgy of their fathers. Let those who have retained that rich inheritance see to it that the Liturgy be always so rendered that all may feel its power and be filled with its spirit.

The head of every family is a member of the oldest Priesthood in the world, and will be held by the great High Priest to a strict account for the faithful discharge of the duties of that awfully responsible office. The souls given unto his keeping will be required at his hands. May this effort to help that Priesthood, and to increase the beauty and attractiveness of the Family Altar, be graciously accepted and blessed by the God and Father of all the families of the earth.

AN ORDER

OF

FAMILY PRAYER.

I.

¶ *If time and opportunity permit, read a portion of the Psalter, or some other lesson from Holy Scripture; and sing a hymn or a chant.*

II.

¶ *All standing up, say the Gloria Patri, responsively, or The Creed, or both, as time and circumstances may suggest. After which these sentences.*

M. The Lord be with you.
A. And with thy spirit.
M. Let us pray.

All kneeling.

M. O Lord, show Thy mercy upon us.
A. And grant us Thy salvation.
M. Endue Thy ministers with righteousness.
A. And make Thy chosen people joyful.
M. O Lord, save Thy people.
A. And bless Thine inheritance.
M. Give peace in our time, O Lord.
A. Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only Thou, O God.

M. O God, make clean our hearts within us.
A. And take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.

¶ *Then all together say the Lord's Prayer, with the Amen. At the end of any other prayer the Amen must be distinctly uttered as a response, and not said by the leader of the devotions.*

¶ *Then say the Collect for the Day, according to the Calendar, which, unless it be a Holy day, is always the Collect appointed for the Sunday preceding. On every Holy day use the Collect for that day.*

¶ *Then at Morning Prayer, say "the Collect for Grace," from the Prayer-book; at Evening Prayer, "the Collect for aid against all Perils," from the same; or some corresponding Collect in this collection.*

¶ *After which may be used any other Devotions from the Prayer-book, or any of the following Collects, at discretion; concluding always with the last two Prayers.*

COLLECTS.

FOR SUNDAY MORNING.

O GOD, Who makest us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of Thy Son our Lord; vouchsafe us this day such a blessing through Thy worship, that the days which follow it may be spent in Thy favor; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY God, Who dost graciously invite us to enter into Thy gates with thanksgiving, and into Thy courts with praise, grant us grace to worship Thee this day in the beauty of holiness, that so it shall be to us the beginning of a happy week, and carry us forward in the ways and works of godliness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FOR SUNDAY EVENING.

LOOK favorably, we beseech Thee, O Lord, upon those who have joined in Thy holy service this day; and grant that the souls and bodies which have been hallowed by Thy holy mysteries may be preserved by Thy watchful mercy; and may the means of everlasting salvation, which Thy compassion hath vouchsafed to us, be continued to us by Thy gracious protection; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FOR MORNING.

O FATHER of mercy, and God of all comfort, we give Thee all thanks and praise for Thy infinite and essential glories and perfections, and for the continual demonstration of Thy mercies upon us; for all Thy great and unspeakable goodness; for Thy preservation of us the past night; and for all other Thy graces and blessings. And we desire to offer up our souls and bodies, all that

we are and all that we have, as a sacrifice to Thee and Thy service, humbly begging of Thee to pardon our sins, to defend us from all evil, to lead us into all good; and let our portion be amongst Thy redeemed ones, in the gathering together of the Saints, in the kingdom of grace and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY God, Teach us to watch over all our ways, that we may never be surprised by sudden temptations or a careless spirit. Make us such as Thou wouldst have us to be; strengthen our faith, confirm our hope, and give us a daily increase of charity, that this day and ever we may serve Thee according to all our opportunities and capacities, growing from grace to grace; till at last, by Thy mercies, we shall receive the consummation and perfection of grace. even the glories of Thy kingdom; through the merits and mercies of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, Who dividest the day from the night, separate our deeds from the gloom of darkness, that ever meditating on things holy, we may continually live in Thy light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

WE give Thee thanks, Holy Lord, Father Almighty, everlasting God, Who hast been pleased to bring us through the night to the hours

of morning; we pray Thee to grant us to pass this day without sin, so that at eventide we may again give thanks to Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

WE beseech Thee, O Lord, in Thy loving kindness, to pour Thy holy light into our souls; that we may ever be devoted to Thee, by Whose wisdom we were created, and by Whose providence we are governed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FOR EVENING.

O ALMIGHTY God, take us, we beseech Thee, and all our friends, relations, and benefactors, under Thy gracious protection; give Thy holy angels charge concerning us; preserve us from the prince and powers of darkness, and from the dangers of the night; and keep us in perpetual peace and safety; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GRACIOUS God and Father, possess our hearts with such a deep sense of our obligations to Thee that religion may be our delight as well as our duty; and that we may serve Thee with a quiet mind, forgive us the things whereof our conscience is afraid, and avert the judgments which we have justly deserved. Remember not the offenses of our youth; and in mercy blot out

those of our riper years. Pardon our sins of the day past, and grant that they may never rise up in judgment against us; for the sake of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

VISIT, we beseech Thee, O Lord, this habitation with Thy mercy, and us with Thy grace and salvation, that no illusion of the night may abuse us, the spirits of darkness may not come near to hurt us, no evil or sad accident oppress us; and may Thy blessing, most blessed God, be upon us forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, merciful and gracious, be pleased to remember our friends and kindred, our neighbors and acquaintance, all that have prayed for us, and all that have done us good. Do thou good to them, and return all their kindness double into their own bosom, rewarding them with blessings, and sanctifying them with Thy graces. May Thy Holy Spirit guide their souls; Thy providence minister to their necessities; and let Thy grace and mercy preserve them from the bitter pains of eternal death, and bring them to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O LORD our God, refresh us with quiet sleep, when we are wearied with the day's labor; that being assisted with the help which our weakness needs, we may be devoted to Thee both

in body and mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THINE is the day, O Lord, and Thine is the night: grant that the Sun of righteousness may abide in our hearts, to drive away the darkness of wicked thoughts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

WE give Thee thanks, O Lord, Who hast preserved us through the day. We give Thee thanks, Who wilt preserve us through the night. Bring us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, in safety to the morning hours; that Thou mayest receive our praise at all times; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, Who by making the evening to succeed the day, hast bestowed the gift of repose on human weakness; grant, we beseech Thee, that while we enjoy these timely blessings, we may acknowledge Him from Whom they come. *Amen.*

MISCELLANEOUS.

LORD our God, great, eternal, wonderful in glory, Who keepest covenant and promises for those that love Thee with their whole heart, Who art the Life of all, the Help of those that flee unto Thee, the Hope of those who cry unto Thee; cleanse us from our sins, secret and open, and

from every thought displeasing to Thy goodness,—cleanse our bodies and souls, our hearts and consciences, that with a pure heart and a clear soul, with perfect love and calm hope, we may venture confidently and fearlessly to pray unto Thee, in the all-prevailing name of Thy Son our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD our God, Who alone foreseest and bestowest things needful for our salvation; do Thou both bestow, we pray Thee, on our souls the hearty desire of imploring Thy mercy, and graciously vouchsafe us what will be for our good; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

WE beseech Thee, O Lord, to purify our consciences by Thy daily visitation; that when Thy Son our Lord cometh, He may find in us a mansion prepared for Himself; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

MAKE us, we beseech Thee, O Lord our God, watchful and heedful in awaiting the Coming of Thy Son Christ our Lord; that when He shall come and knock, He may find us not sleeping in sins, but awake, and rejoicing in His praises; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

WE beseech Thee, O Lord our God, to gird up the loins of our mind by Thy Divine power; that at the Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ Thy

Son, we may be found worthy of the banquet of eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

MERCIFULLY hear, O Lord, the prayers of Thy people; that as they rejoice in the Advent of Thine only-begotten Son according to the flesh, so when He cometh a second time in His Majesty, they may receive the reward of eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O CHRIST our God, Who wilt come to judge the world in the Manhood which Thou hast assumed, we pray Thee to sanctify us wholly, that in the day of Thy Coming our whole spirit, soul and body may so revive to a fresh life in Thee, that we may live and reign with Thee forever. *Amen.*

O GOD, Who didst look on man when he had fallen down into death, and resolve to redeem him by the Advent of Thine Only-begotten Son; grant, we beseech Thee, that they who confess His glorious Incarnation may also be admitted to the fellowship of Him, their Redeemer; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRANT, O merciful God, that for the reception of the transcendant mystery of Thy Son's Nativity, the minds of believers may be prepared, and also the hearts of unbelievers subdued; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, Who art pleased to save, by the Nativity of Thy Christ, the race of man, which was mortally wounded in its chief; grant, we beseech Thee, that we may not cleave to the author of our perdition, but be transferred to the fellowship of our Redeemer; Who with Thee, &c. *Amen.*

GRANT, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that renewing our sacred observances with annual devotion, we may please Thee both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

WE beseech Thee, O Lord, give a salutary effect to our fasting, that the mortification of our flesh may prove the nourishment of our souls; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

BE present, O Lord, to our supplications; nor let Thy merciful clemency be far away from Thy servants. Heal our wounds, forgive our sins, that being severed from Thee by no iniquities, we may be able evermore to cleave to Thee our Lord. *Amen.*

MAY Thy mercy, O Lord, we beseech Thee, be beforehand with thy servants, and all their iniquities be blotted out by Thy speedy pardon; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and merciful God, Who willest not the souls of sinners to perish, but their faults; restrain the anger which we deserve, and pour out upon us the clemency which we entreat, that through Thy mercy we may pass from mourning into joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

WE beseech Thee, O Lord, in Thy clemency, to shew us Thine unspeakable mercy; that Thou mayest both set us free from our sins, and rescue us from the punishments which for our sins we deserve; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O CHRIST, Son of God, Whom God the Father gave up for all, when He received Thee as a true Sacrifice for us; receive the desires of Thy people; save those whom Thou hast redeemed; give life to those whom Thou hast delivered; suffer not those to go into everlasting anguish, whom Thou camest to redeem from perishing eternally; and grant that through Thee, Whom we believe to have been crucified for all, we may have remission of sins in this life and everlasting joy in the life to come. *Amen.*

O GOD, Who wast pleased to send on Thy disciples the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete, in the burning fire of Thy love, grant to Thy people to be fervent in the unity of faith; that evermore abiding in Thee they may be found both steadfast

in faith and active in work; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

IN Thy mercy and majesty, O Lord, behold Thy household, that they may be neither stained by vices of their own, nor held in bondage by the sins of others; but that being ever freed and cleansed from both, they may do service unto Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that passing onwards in Thy way with devout minds, we may escape the snares of the sins that beset us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

WE pray Thee, O Lord, be present to Thy suppliants; and amid the snares of a wicked world, protect our weakness with never-failing love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

WE beseech Thee, O Lord, be gracious to Thy people, that they, abhorring day by day the things which displease Thee, may be more and more filled with the love of Thy commandments, and being supported by Thy comfort in this mortal life, may advance to the full enjoyment of life immortal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

MERCIFULLY regard, O Lord, the prayers of Thy family, and while they submit themselves

to Thee with their whole heart, do Thou prosper, support, encompass them; that relying on Thee as their Guide, they may be entangled in no evils, and replenished with all good; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

WE beseech Thee, O Lord, in Thy loving-kindness, set in order our life and conversation, that no adversities may prevail against us, and nothing salutary be wanting in us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRANT to Thy servants, O Lord, the pardon of their sins, comfort in life, and perpetual guidance; whereby they may faithfully serve Thee, and be alway enabled to attain Thy mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRANT, O Lord, that Thy family, devoted to Thy service, and confiding in Thy protection, may obtain the blessing which they humbly implore; that being at rest under Thy defense, they may not be left destitute of assistance for this life, and may be prepared for the good things which are eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

WE beseech Thee, O Lord, let Thy faithful people rejoice evermore in Thy benefits; that being ordered by Thy governance, they may

please Thee in their lives, and happily obtain the good which they pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, Who chastisest us in Thy love, and refreshest us amid Thy chastening; grant that we may ever be able to give Thee thanks for both; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, Who hast revealed Thy glory, by Christ, among all nations, preserve the works of Thy mercy; that Thy Church, which is spread throughout the world, may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of Thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, Who hast made all those that are born again in Christ to be a royal and priestly race, grant us both the will and the power to do what Thou commandest; that Thy people who are called to eternal life may have the same faith in their hearts, and the same piety in their actions; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY God, we humbly beseech Thee, Who art of boundless goodness, and to be feared for Thy mercy, that by Thine aid all trials, produced by earthly sin or secular danger, may depart from us; and that in Thy Catholic Church

religious devotion may ever continue undefiled; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, be Thou present to our duties, and grant the protection of Thy presence to all that dwell in this house; that Thou mayest be known to be the Defender of Thy family, and the Inhabitant of this dwelling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

WE beseech Thee, O Lord, to make Thy servants alway to join together in seeking Thee with their whole heart, to serve Thee with submissive mind, humbly to implore Thy mercy, and perpetually to rejoice in Thy blessings; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, Who hast promised that Thou wilt never be absent from Thy Church unto the end of the world, and that the gates of hell shall never prevail against the Apostolic confession; graciously make Thy strength perfect in our weakness, and show the efficacy of Thy Divine promise, while Thou deignest even to be present in Thy feeble ones; through Thine own great mercy. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, Who desirest not the death, but always the life of sinners; mercifully receive our prayer, and deliver the

Heathen from idolatry, and unbelievers from ignorance, and gather them into Thy holy Church, to the praise and glory of Thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, Whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive, receive our humble petitions; and though we be tied and bound with the chain of our sins, yet let the pitifulness of Thy great mercy loose us; for the honor of Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

O LORD, our Maker and Protector, who hast graciously sent us into this world to work out our salvation, enable us to drive away all such unquiet and worldly thoughts as may hinder us in the practice of those duties which Thou hast required; and while it shall please Thee to continue us in this life, let us serve Thee in active zeal, and patient expectation, till the time in which the soul which Thou receivest shall be satisfied with knowledge. Grant this, O Lord, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

O LORD, our God, Who by Thy Son Jesus Christ, hast promised Thy Holy Spirit to them who ask Him of Thee, send Him into our hearts, we beseech Thee, to be to us the Spirit of counsel in all difficulties, of direction in all doubts, of courage in all dangers, of constancy in all per-

secutions, of comfort in all troubles, and of entire resignation to Thy holy will and pleasure; and may the same blessed Spirit so guide and govern us through the whole course of our life here, that we may not fail to obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, sanctify our souls, bodies, and spirits; search our consciences, and cast out from us every evil thought, every impure imagination, every base lust, all envy and pride and hypocrisy, all falsehood and guile, every worldly distraction, all avarice, vainglory, idleness, and vice; and grant us, Lord, with a broken spirit, and with hallowed lips to call upon Thee, through the merits and mediation of the same Thy Son our Lord. *Amen.*

O MOST mighty God, Who only art high and to be feared; grant, we beseech Thee, that we may never stray from Thy commandments through the fear of man; but fill us, O Lord, with the Spirit of Thy holy fear, which is the beginning of wisdom, that we may be obedient to Thy holy will in all things; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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FOR THE SICK OR AFFLICTED.

O GOD, Who hast vouchsafed to mankind the remedies that bring salvation, and the gifts of eternal life; preserve to Thy servant the gifts of Thy power, and grant that not only in *his* body, but also in *his* soul, *he* may experience Thy healings; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, by Whose command the moments of our life run their course; receive our prayers for Thy servants lying sick, on whose behalf we implore Thy mercy; that our fears on account of their danger may be turned into joy at their recovery; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

LOOK mercifully, O Lord, we beseech Thee, on the affliction of Thy people; and let not our sins prevail to destroy us, but rather Thine abundant mercy to save us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

WE beseech Thee, Almighty God, to receive with Fatherly tenderness Thy people fleeing from Thine anger to Thyself; that they who dread the scourge that comes from Thy Majesty may be enabled to rejoice in Thy forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, Who scourgest our faults with strokes of love, in order to cleanse us from our iniquities; grant us both to profit by Thy chastisement, and speedily to rejoice in Thy consolation. *Amen.*

WE render thanks to Thee, O Lord, Who relievest us from the pressure of temporal affliction, that Thou mayest set us forward on the way to everlasting joys; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FOR A MEMBER OF A FAMILY ON A JOURNEY.

HEAR, O Lord, our prayers, and graciously accompany Thy servant on his journey; and as Thou art everywhere bestow on him Thy mercy, that being by Thine assistance defended against all adversities, he may be restored to his family in health and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THANKSGIVING FOR SAFE RETURN.

MOST gracious Lord, Whose mercy is over all Thy works; we praise Thy Holy Name, that Thou hast been pleased to conduct in safety through the perils of a long journey Thy servant who now rejoices in the comfort of his home. May we be duly sensible of Thy merciful providence toward him, and ever express our thankfulness by a holy trust in Thee and obedience to Thy laws; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

CONCLUDING PRAYERS.

TO BE USED AT EVERY SERVICE.

MERCIFUL Father, we beseech Thee, bless every member of this family (present and absent), and guard us with Thy continual care and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

BEFORE AND AFTER MEALS.

BLESS, O Lord, this provision of Thy bounty to our use, and make us thankful for Thy mercies; for Christ's sake. *Amen.*

WE thank Thee, O Lord, for this and every expression of Thy goodness, and may Thy mercies lead us to Thyself; through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

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